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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

**BOWE AT THEATRE, Bowery—The Stranger.**  
**ADAM THEATRE, Broadway—King Lear—My Young Wife and My Old Uncle.**  
**AT THEATRE, Chambers street—John Jones.**  
**NATIONAL THEATRE, Chatham street—Uncle Tom's Cabin.**  
**WALLACK'S THEATRE, Broadway—Good Fellow.**  
**AMERICAN MUSEUM—Afternoon, Nicola Family—Dinner, The Old Bachelors.**  
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**WOOD'S MINSTRELS, Wood's Minstrel Hall, 444 Broadway—The Merry Widow.**  
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**RYAN GALLERY OF CHRISTIAN ART—462 Broadway.**  
**WHOLE WORLD—37 and 39 Broadway—Afternoon and Evening.**

New York, Friday, March 17, 1884.

Circulation of the New York Herald for the last week—The Largest in the World.

March 6—Monday	49,920
" 7—Tuesday	52,280
" 8—Wednesday	52,680
" 9—Thursday	51,840
" 10—Friday	51,840
" 11—Saturday	50,000
Total	312,240
Average per diem	52,040
Weekly and Sunday editions	69,980
Aggregate for the week	382,100
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board, the fact that the Arabia was signalled off Halifax that morning, and that shortly after our correspondent made the announcement the telegraphic line in New Brunswick was either cut or broken. It being reasonable to suppose that speculators were at the bottom of this movement, our merchants were advised to be on their guard. Nevertheless, we understand that certain parties who were inclined to place confidence in a report relative to the Arabia, published in an evening paper and bearing upon its face the evidence of gross falsehood, made extensive purchases of flour at an advance of half a dollar per barrel. In addition, we learn that the authors of this false rumor, not content with leading the unwary in this city astray, flooded the Southern and Western countries with despatches setting forth the alleged character of the news, and to effect on the market. Now, the truth is, the Arabia did not reach Halifax till near three o'clock on Thursday afternoon; and yet a city afternoon paper was circulating in the streets before that hour what purported to be the steamer's news; and this, too, in face of the fact that the editors could not well have avoided knowing that the telegraphic wire was first signalled, and that there could not possibly be any reliance placed in the report they and their agents were so industriously spreading before the public.

We are indebted to J. T. Bloodgood, Esq., who has arrived in this city from Australia by way of Calcutta, for files of all the Melbourne and Sydney papers to December 31st. Later dates had previously reached us.

Some excitement has been produced in Canada by the circulation of a rumor that the Russian government contemplated invading the provinces, and with that object in view was now concentrating troops in this country. The strangest part of the affair is that any sane person could be induced to credit such a ridiculous story.

A despatch from Louisville states that twenty-two of the persons injured by the explosion of the steamer Reindeer have died, and that twenty-four others are not expected to recover.

Friend Humphrey, a prominent citizen of Albany, died in that place on Wednesday night, aged seventy-seven years. He was the architect of his own fortune, having risen from a tanner's apprentice to State Senator, Mayor, and various other public and private offices of trust and emolument.

The Board of Councilmen met again last evening, at the usual hour, and transacted a large amount of business, in the shape of adopting resolutions and accepting reports of committees. The Board went into Committee of the Whole on all reports with reference to the Nebraska bill. The Board went into Committee of the Whole on all reports with reference to the Nebraska bill.

To-day's inside pages contain an account of the preparations for the celebration of St. Patrick's day; particulars of the loss of about forty lives by the burning of the steamer Caroline; Acting Consul Robertson's official statement relative to the outrage on the steamship Black Warrior; at Havana; commercial, legal, local, theatrical and miscellaneous news, &c.

**Russia in Her Isolation.**  
 It is evident, from the decided tone of the Czar's reply to the propositions contained in the letter of the French Emperor, that but very little hope now remains of his being induced to listen to any overtures short of the conditions to which he has consistently adhered throughout the whole of the negotiations by which it has been attempted to bring the Eastern question to a pacific settlement. As the allied Powers continue equally bent upon carrying out their policy of intervention, and as we have it now officially confirmed in the speech of the French Emperor that Austria and others of the leading German Powers are about to commit themselves to that policy, it would seem as if nothing could now avert the attempt to decide the questions at issue by the force of arms.

But will a war of brief or long duration—for it is impossible to foretell its limits—lead to a definite solution of the political problems which have given rise to the present complication of European affairs? It does not require any great amount of political sagacity to foresee that its speedy or remote termination, or its successful conduct by either Russia or the coalition, will leave the real principles at stake in precisely the same position in which they now stand.

## MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

Board of Councilmen—Stated Session.

OFFICIAL.

THURSDAY, March 16, 1884.

Present—Edwin J. Brown, Esq., President, and fifty-two members.

**REPORTS.**  
 By Councilman MULLER—Of the Marine and others, to